



News from District 7410

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Letter from the District Governor

From the desk of the District Governor:

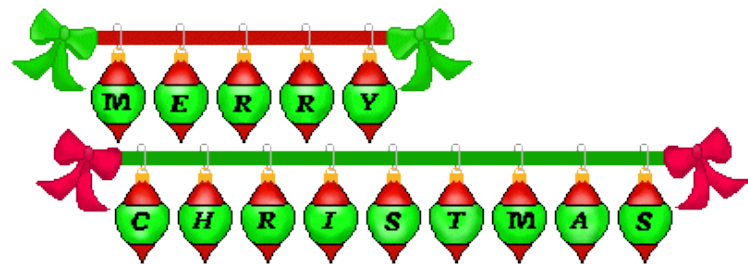
I am writing this monthly letter during the Thanksgiving Holiday with thankfulness for the first half of our 2016-2017 Rotary year.

The Governor's official visits have been completed for 39 clubs with only four clubs to go. It has been enlightening to hear what many of our clubs are doing for humanitarian service. It has also been very energizing to see that our clubs are starting to increase membership with younger men and women and to engage their energy. This is so vital to Rotary living and serving for another 100 years in our communities and throughout the world.

I want to give thanks to the Scranton Club for planning and executing an excellent Polio Eradication Dinner with participants from many clubs in our district. From Rick Williams' chairmanship of the event to Gerard Hetman's follow up to the Scranton Times report on Polio, in which Gerard pointed out Rotary's dedication to eradication from the 1980s, this was a fine representation of Rotary's dedication to Ending Polio NOW!

Our District can be thankful for our Foundation Committee as they hosted 100 Years of good work around the world and the 100 year birthday of our Rotary Foundation. Bryn Styles, one of our Foundation Trustees and Friend of District 7410, was our keynote speaker, reminding us all of our Foundation's humble beginnings and of its solid, sustainable capabilities today.

Our Foundation provides project funds for many local and global initiatives that make a difference in the lives of so many people. As many of you have heard me say, "giving to the Foundation Annual Fund helps increase our local district designated grant money and provides future Rotarians the funds to provide the next generation's projects." It is something we can all do now for the Rotarians who will follow us and sustain the future.



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR CONTINUES....

December will soon be upon us, and our Rotary activities will center around family and Christmas. Many of our clubs reach out to provide meals for the poor, toys and shopping experiences for children, and make generous donations to our local community organizations who are in need of support and charitable gifts.

December is also our month to catch up on our Rotary membership records. Please update the RI and district website's records for members and the slate officers

who will be serving in 2017-2018. This is especially important this year for two reasons: 1) accuracy of your membership for dues billing and 2) identification of your President and officers-elect along with registering for PETS which will be March 24-25th 2017. Updating the databases for RI and registering for PETS by the end of December will earn a rebate of the second 1/2 PETS assessment.

From the madness of Black Friday for shopping to the

quiet of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, it is a time of reflection about peace on earth and good will toward men. Certainly, prayers for peace and goodwill toward men are called for in these turbulent times. So, as we enjoy these days of family and holidays, I wish you all the best in Rotary and peace and good will.

Marcia Loughman
District Governor 2016-2017

Grants Management and Pre-PETS Events Slated

The Grants Management Seminars for Rotary Year 2017-18 and Pre-PETS have been scheduled. It is required that the President-Elect and another club member (preferably the Foundation Chair) should attend as part of the qualification to apply for Rotary Foundation Grants. The Pre-PETS seminar will be open to all, but is required for the President-Elect. There is no charge for these events.

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 - 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Registration deadline January 28, 2017
Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Co.
26 Montage Mountain Road
Moosic, PA 18507
570-342-7027

Saturday, February 4, 2017 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Registration deadline January 31, 2017
Genetti's Banquet Hall
1345 N. Church Street
Hazleton, PA 18202
570-501-3701

Saturday, February 11, 2017 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Registration deadline February 7, 2017
Towanda Country Club
645 Golden Mile Road
Towanda, PA 18848
570-265-6222

REGISTRATION IS FREE BUT REQUIRED.
CONTACT: DGE Karin-Susan Breitlauch ksbvet@ptd.net or 610-390-0351

An Open Letter: You Can Help in Honduras...

Can you imagine living in a house without running water, and having to depend on purchasing 10 gallon containers that come with no guarantees of the water's cleanliness? If not, read on!

Last February, Edwin and I traveled to the San Pedro/Sula area of Honduras, accompanying *Operation Honduras* on their yearly service trip. As many of you know, *Operation Honduras* is a non-profit organization, supported by a Presbyterian church in Wilkes-Barre and several Rotary clubs. They have been building schools, community centers and church/school combinations for the past twenty years. Recently, they have expanded their mission to provide the "Gift of Sight" (glasses) and the "Gift of Sound" (hearing aids) - - all customized for the recipients. Edwin and I had the honor of working with nearly 30 volunteers on both a construction project and a "Gift of Sight" glasses distribution. We got "up close and personal" with the people of Honduras!

While in Tocoa, working with their Rotary club to distribute glasses to the neediest of the needy, Edwin had a conversation with a man from "Colonia Primavera", a new community outside Tocoa. The man explained that while there were nearly 150 families, the community had no reliable source of water. The follow-on question was could Rotary help?

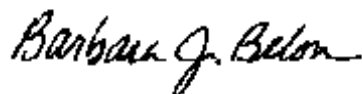
In the intervening months, partnering with Tocoa Rotarians, a global grant that includes a well, water tank, and distribution system to the households has been researched, vetted, and we are now ready to submit the proposal to The Rotary Foundation. So, I would like to boldly ask if your club would consider becoming a grant partner and financial supporter of this grant with even a modest DDF donation. Additionally, if you would like to be a part of the 2017 mission trip to Honduras on February 16-23, we'd love to have you join us. It really is a life-changing opportunity! One immediate benefit of being a financial supporter of this global grant is that the Presidential Citation requirement of being involved in an international project will have been satisfied.

For those of you who, in advance of the December holiday season, make decisions about directing donations to worthy causes, please consider supporting this water project. Your financial gift, in any amount, made out to the **Leighton Rotary Club (Honduras Water Project)** will ensure not only a community and household source for water but also water filters which will result in fewer water-borne illnesses.

For questions, requests for support material, video report on last year's trip, or commitments, please contact me at bjbelon@gmail.com or call at 610.377.6103. **December 15th** is the target date for all financial commitments.

Thanks in advance for considering this request that will change lives.

Yours in Rotary,



IPDG Barbara Belón

Rotary
Club of Pittston



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[The Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre](#)

Mardi Gras: Come and “Party with a Purpose”

Coming up on February 28th 2017, the Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre is holding a Mardi-Gras themed event known as “Party With A Purpose” at Genetti’s in Wilkes-Barre. The event will benefit the students that attend the Wyoming Valley Children’s Association (WVCA) in Forty-Fort. Cost to attend is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

The event on Mardi Gras or “Fat Tuesday” will feature Cajun-style, Mardi Gras foods plus a wine and beer tasting, a silent auction with great baskets, and a 50/50 raffle, as well as entertainment and a full cash bar. Tickets to the event are available by calling 570-714-1246 x 306, or by emailing Donna Sedor at Dse-dor@wcvakids.org

WVCA is a non-profit organization offering early childhood education programs to nurture the development potential of all children. The agency offers a rich learning environment, individualized instruction, small class sizes, certified teachers and access to expert therapeutic support. WVCA is proud to partner with the United Way of Wyoming Valley. The WVCA is proud to say that it was founded by the Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre in 1923.

The Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre originated in Northeastern Pennsylvania in 1916 and is one of the longest running clubs in the Wyoming Valley. The world’s first service club, Rotary began with



The Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre will host its Second Annual Mardi Gras Event to benefit the Wyoming Valley Children’s Association. Pictured in the photo are (from left): Gus Genetti, Donna Sedor, Club President Brian Whitman and Club Vice President Lars Anderson.

the formation of the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, on February 13, 1905. The club was started by a young lawyer, Paul P. Harris, and three of his friends. He wished to recapture the friendly spirit he had felt among business-people in the small town where he had grown up. Their weekly meetings “rotated” among their offices, providing the new service club

with its name. Today, Rotary flourishes and includes 1.2 million men and women as club members, providing community service in 168 countries.

The Wilkes-Barre Club meets Tuesdays at noon at Best Western Genetti’s in Downtown Wilkes-Barre and follows the Rotary motto – “Service Above Self” - in all club projects.

ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION June 10-14, 2017

Register on the site at “My Rotary” before Dec. 15th for a reduced registration rate of \$340... Don’t delay!. Pay district and RI dues on time for your rostered membership.

- Use the invoiced membership that comes in from RI
- Pay promptly so that you are in good standing to register for Pre-Pets participation
- send dues payments to John Regula, District Treasurer (questions? johnregula@aol.com)

Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs



Student leaders from five area high schools (above) joined the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs for a special Leadership Luncheon on Thursday, November 17, at Shawnee Inn. Denny Douds, (right) all-time winningest coach in the history of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference and head coach at East Stroudsburg University, speaks to the future leaders on November 17th. Leadership Luncheon Committee (below) was (from left) Mike Katz, Cleo Jarvis, Ruth Ann Rocchio, Jim Becker, Margie Becker, and Leslie Underhill.

Stroudsburgs Students Hosted at Luncheon

The Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs welcomed students from East Stroudsburg High School North and South, Stroudsburg High School, Notre Dame High School and the Monroe County Technical Instituted to its 2016 Senior Leadership Luncheon on November 17 at beautiful Shawnee Inn.

Keynote speaker was ESU Coach Denny Douds. Major sponsors for the event were Pocono Medical Center and Shawnee Inn. Rotarians wel-



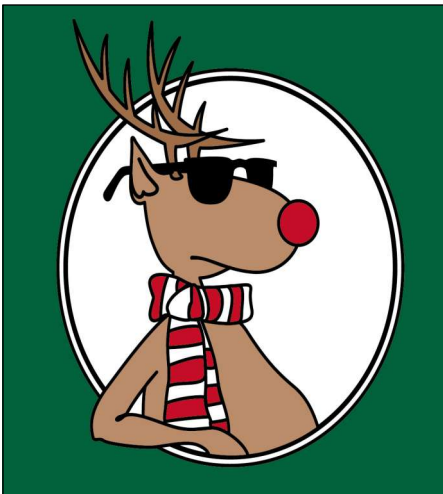
comed the students and had the opportunity to hear about each school..

Special thanks to the Jim Becker

and his committee for organizing a wonderful event in recognition of these future leaders and future Ro-

tarians.

The Rotary Club of Dallas



Spreading Holiday Spirit in Dallas

* Several members of the Rotary Club of Dallas (above) spent a Saturday morning placing Christmas decorations on the triangle at Routes 309 and 415 in Dallas. It has been a club tradition for several decades to welcome everyone home for Christmas and to wish them a happy holiday season. From far left are Nick Stredny, Art Peoples, Ron Fitch, Spencer Marso, Jerry Reisch, Todd Buckley, Ann Marie Konek, Jon Pomrinke, Kim Reynolds, Dan Reynolds.

* Also in the spirit of the holidays, the Rotarians recently held an auction and raffle to benefit the Back Mountain Food Pantry. The event raised \$1,125.00 and more than 375 pounds of food to help the pantry provide Thanksgiving dinner for more than 200 families in the Back Mountain Community. From left are Rotarians Kerry Freeman, Todd Buckley, Kim Reynolds, Ann Marie Konek, President Jason Jolley, Eric Martin, Sandy Peoples, Jerry Reisch.





Final Push – Calling Rotarians Volunteers

Routine Immunization @ Agra India*

Immunization Dates	Trips Dates
2016 : 15 th October	13 th – 23 rd October 2016
2016 : 19 th November	17 th – 27 th November 2016
2016 : 10 th December	08 th – 18 th December 2016
2017 : 7 th January	05 th - 15 th Jan 2017

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Coming Together to Make a Difference with Rotary

The following was a Rotary Moment presented by Pittston Rotarian Karen Lugiano who, upon reflection, discovered that Rotary projects often start with small ideas that thrive with the spirit of cooperation.

I am fairly new to Rotary so when I was asked to speak today I immediately said yes without any idea of what I was going to say or even what a Rotary Moment was.

So I quickly Googled it and started reading about Rotarians traveling to underdeveloped countries and giving the polio vaccine to children and really amazing, inspiring stories.

I instantly realized that I might not be the right person for this. I didn't have a big project I could speak about, I'm not out there saving lives or doing anything of real significance.

That's when I realized, most of us aren't doing those things. Most of the people in this room are just like me working every day, raising children, and trying to make the world a better place in between everything else. Rotary is not just about the big projects. Rotary is full of little moments and



small projects that make a huge difference to others.

I have to say the moment that sticks out the most to me is one day I had an idea to plant a few trees for Earth Day, so I brought it up at a meeting. Everyone thought it was a good idea, and someone suggested we plant them in downtown Pittston where they were working on revitalizing the town. Then it was suggested that we adopt an area to plant trees, shrubs, landscape and take care of each year.

Now we are working on displaying a Christmas tree there for the holidays and having a new sign put up to display our commitment to our community. It's amazing how such a simple idea to plant a few trees for Earth Day has spiraled into what I hope is the start of a new tradition for our club.

That's what Rotary is about, a group of people coming together as a team to make a difference no matter how big or small.

I'm honored to be a part of it.

Rotary Foundation: Muczynski's "Outstanding"

The Trustees of the Rotary Foundation bestowed the Citation for Meritorious Service on Paul F. Muczynski in recognition of outstanding service to the Rotary Foundation and embodiment of the motto "Doing Good in the World."

Paul has been a member of the District 7410 Rotary Foundation committee for 15 years. He has served as the Committee chair from 2013 to 2016. He also served as the Annual Fund, Endowed Fund chair. He is a Past District Governor 2008-2009 of District 7410.

At right PDG Paul Muczynski (left) and Rotary Foundation Trustee Bryn Styles.



[The Rotary Club of Dallas](#)



Career Ed Shift Reported

Nicole Darling, the Career Awareness Coordinator for Dallas High School, and Jason Rushmer, the Dallas High School Principal, visited us and spoke about a shift in philosophy at the school. Their new career exploration guidance program helps non-college bound students make a connection from the classroom to a future in technical training programs and career opportunities such as welding. A local pipeline company has helped Dallas High School replicate the technical training one would receive at a local technical college right on the grounds of the school. Many other programs are in the works to gear training toward high priority occupations. Shown (from left) are Principal Jason Rushmer, President Elect Kimberlie Reynolds and Career Awareness Coordinator Nicole Darling.

[Rotary Club of Hazleton](#)

Third Graders Introduced To 'Wonder of Words'

The Rotary Club of Hazleton has been purchasing and donating new dictionaries, annually, to area students since 2001. Third graders at all of the Hazleton Area Elementary Schools (Freeland is covered by Freeland Rotary) are the student recipients, as well as, third graders from Holy Family Academy and Immanuel Christian School.

This is a yearly event done as a way for the club to introduce young people to the "wonder of words". Many local children lack internet access, and these dictionaries give them all a common starting point, while making classroom dictionary exercises possible. Project Chairman Joe Lettiere says, "People think today's youngsters only use computers and wouldn't have a use for dictionaries, but we are finding that a lot of students do not have home computers and will use the dictionaries which they really seem to enjoy."

Assisting Joe with this project are John Beltrami and Rotary Club President Pat Ward. Additional assistance is being provided by Club Members Donna Barna, Toni Kelpsh, Lani Drobnock, John Schwear, Sharon Farver, Michele Fisher, Paul Brenner, Tim

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Something for Back Mountain Library

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, a check for \$500 was presented to Library Director Martha Butler to help the Back Mountain Memorial Library maintain the resources necessary to provide vital services to our community. In photo at left are (from left) Past Library Board Member and Rotarian Joe Stager, President of the Board Tamera McMahan, Library Director Martha Butler, and Dallas Rotary Club President Jason Jolley.



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The Safari includes stays at **Letaba Camp** in the famous *Kruger National Park* as well as the luxurious and unforgettable **Kings Camp** in the adjacent *Timbavati Game Reserve* – both of which are the domains of Africa's **Big Five**; the lion, elephant, leopard, rhino and buffalo. Join us in an experience of a lifetime in the abundant African plains where game and birdlife abound.

The safari is limited to **EIGHT GUESTS** at the incredible price of only **US\$3290*** per person, all inclusive. Non-Rotarians are welcome. Polokwane Rotarians with guiding experience will accompany the entire safari. All profits generated will be for Rotary Community Service Charity Projects.

* *Excludes international and domestic flights.*

For more information and a full itinerary please contact
Rotarian Charles Hardy at charlois@mweb.co.za

SPECIAL EVENT – Ask us about the exciting **Rotary Foundation 100th Anniversary Safari and Gala Dinner** from the 23rd – 30th of March 2017.





Our Clubs in Action

The Rotary Club of Hamlin-Lake Ariel

Rotary Club Brings Agencies Together to Keep Kids Safe



Water safety was one of the programs at the Safe Kids Fair.

Toni McAndrew Appointed RLI Regional Vice Chair

Our own PDG Tonette "Toni" McAndrew has been appointed as a Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) International Regional Vice-Chair for Eastern United States. She replaces PRIVP Eric Adamson of Virginia, who has completed his term in that position. Toni has served as a Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Rotary Institute Chair, four years as Chair of our Northeast America Division of RLI and in many other important Rotary positions. Regional Chairs and Vice-Chairs provide resources and support to the divisions in their regions.

The Divisions include the Heartland Division (Nebraska and Iowa), our Division, Division Zone 33 (15 Districts including Delaware, Tennessee, DC, Maryland, and the Carolinas) and the Sunshine Division (14 Districts including Florida, Georgia and most of the Caribbean Islands) 64 Districts in total!

Sunny skies and the scent of free hot dogs welcomed more than 160 participants to the 2nd Annual Safe Kids Fair held on September 24, 2016. Indoor and outdoor programs occurred simultaneously during the three-hour event.

A car seat safety check conducted by the Pennsylvania State Police provided free replacement car seats and booster seats to families needing them. Personal floatation devices were fitted by members of the Ledgesdale Dive Team. Caruth Bus Services gave bus safety demonstrations on a school bus. Hideout Public Safety provided fingerprinting, Hamlin Fire and Ambulance Services, Honesdale and Lake Ariel Fire Departments also participated bringing a "Smoke House" and giving fire safety demonstrations.

Inside the school gymnasium, children were fitted for and received new bike helmets. Those who vis-

ited at least nine programs were awarded a free entry into a raffle for bicycles donated by The Hamlin Township Supervisors and Bongo's Roadhouse Restaurant. Those programs were conducted by American Red Cross, Wayne Memorial Hospital Community Health Center, Upper Delaware National Park Services, Wayne County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Wayne County Early Intervention Coalition, Wayne County Emergency Management, Aetna Better Health, Wayne County Taskforce on Lyme and Ticks, Systems of Care, Concern 4 Kids, and the Western Wayne CATS/ Interact Club.

Funding was provided through a Rotary District Grant along with funds raised through the club's Annual Golf Tournament. The Rotary Club of Hamlin-Lake Ariel meets Tuesday evenings at 5:30 at Bongo's Roadhouse in Lake Ariel.



Cars line up for a child's safety seat check by state police.

Former Police Chief and Rotarian Dies

Fellow Rotarians

It is with great sadness that I pass along the news of Wes Dunn's passing. Chief was a long-time member of our club, a former president, Sgt-at-Arms, Paul Harris Fellow, and a member of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons Foundation. He will be great missed.— Roger Mattes

From his obituary...

Wesley W. "Chief" Dunn Sr., 84, of Clarks Summit, died Saturday at home. He is survived by his wife, the former Marcia Senuk.

Born in Scranton, he was the son of the late Robert E. Dunn and Alice Mildred Swope. He was a graduate a Clarks Summit Abington High School. He served in the Army during the Korean War from January 1953-January 1955. He served as a heavy tank engine rebuild specialist team leader and was assigned to the 601st Ordnance Group, Germany, and was awarded the Good Conduct Ribbon, the National Defense Ribbon and the European Occupation Ribbon, also his unit was awarded two presidential citations for performance excellence.

He was appointed Chief of Police of South Abington Twp. on March 1, 1966, and served until his retirement on June 1, 1991. During that period, he furthered his education at Penn State University, the University of Louisville, Ky., and received degrees from King's College, Wilkes-Barre, in public administration and criminal justice administration with a minor in sociology.

On June 1, 1991, he began serving as the Chief of Police of the borough of Clarks Summit, Pa. He received several awards at the state, county and national levels for his performance as a police officer.

He served as a volunteer with the Abington Little League, coaching and managing Pony, Farm and Little League teams for 18 years. He was a licensed auctioneer in the state of Pennsylvania since 1979, after graduating from the Pa. Auctioneering School. He volunteered his services conducting auctions for charitable causes, including the Abington Community Library, Little Sisters of the Poor, the American Red Cross, the Trail Rotary, several churches and

other civic organizations.

He and wife Marcia have helped raise over a quarter of a million dollars for charity.

Chief Dunn was a member of the Northeast

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Donna Barna and President-Elect Antonia Kelpsh deliver dictionaries to third graders at McAdoo-Kelayres Elementary/Middle School.

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Genetti, Lew Dryfoos, Jason Brenner, De Ann Miller, John Madden, Bill Pavlick, Pat Korb, Kathie Oh, Alan Whitaker, and Charlie De-Cosmo. Over 900 dictionaries will be delivered to our area's school children.

Funds are made possible by the many fund raising projects the Rotary Club of Hazleton conducts throughout the year, in particular, the Holiday Poinsettia Sale. When the community supports fundraisers like this one, they also support the various people in the community who benefit from Rotary Club service projects.

Upcoming Rotary service projects include Kidz for Coatz, Children's Holiday Shopping Spree and "manning the kettles" for the Greater Hazleton Salvation Army.

For updated information go to www.hazletonrotary.org and the Hazleton Rotary Club Facebook page.

Ghost Walks

In March Chunk

Enjoy intriguing tales of lore of reported ghoulish encounters and stories of historic properties and people along Broadway in Jim Thorpe.

The one mile round trip walks start in the basement of the Inn at Jim Thorpe, 24 Broadway. Led by a costumed storyteller, the walks, all outside, last about an hour, unless the spirits have other ideas!

Walks are generally planned for Fridays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 7 & 8:30, September-December. See our website for a complete list of dates and times. Walks are subject to change if the spirits call for rain.

Although walk-ins are always welcome, space on each walk is limited, so call the number below to reserve your spot. Private walks may be available on certain dates and times. Call for more information.

Look for your GhostHost in the basement of the Inn at Jim Thorpe to purchase tickets 15 minutes before walk time. First come, first served, without reservations which are strongly suggested. Knowledgeable individuals are welcome to share their own experiences.

Adults: \$12

Children: 7-12: \$6

Not recommended for
children under 7 years old.

jimthorperotary.org/ghostwalks.cfm

484-464-1487

[The Rotary Club of the Abingtons](#)

Rotarians Continue Support of Boy Scout Troop

BY EILEEN CHRISTIAN

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons, we pledged to continue to support the Boys Scouts of America, Troop 160, Clarks Summit. Scoutmaster, John D'Elia, and Troop Committee Chairman, Mark Davis, presented their charter to our Rotary treasurer, Leah Rudolph. She signed the charter on our behalf, and will act as liaison from the Rotary

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Lodge Fraternal Order of Police, the International Chiefs of Police Association, the Pa. Chiefs of Police Association, the Northeast Chiefs of Police Association and was past president/secretary of the Penn-York Police Association, the Pa. State Auctioneer Association, the Northeast Auctioneers Association and VFW Post 7069. He was a member of Waverly Lodge 301 Free and Accepted Masons, the Keystone Consistory and Irem Temple Shrine. He was a member of the Clarks Summit United Methodist Church, where he served as treasurer, and a member of St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

He was a member of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons, entering June 4, 1981, and served as director and president from 1993-1994.

Club to the Scouts, continuing a job we have willingly accepted for more than fifty years. The Rotary and the Boy Scouts have a common goal, to do good.

At the Rotary meeting our president, Bruce Valentine, officiated at the presentation and he asked for anyone, who either was a Boy Scout or had participated in Boy Scout leadership activities, to stand and come to the podium. Almost everyone in the room got up and moved to the small dais. What a surprise! Rotarians had started doing good when they were boy scouts.

Our Rotary alliance with the scouts takes many forms. You can see scouts working alongside of Rotarians at all of our events. They help with set up and clean up at the Fourth of July fireworks display. At our pasta dinner, they sell tickets

and assist with setting up tables and chairs.

The annual Boy Scout Breakfast was Saturday morning, November 5, at the Clarks Summit United Methodist Church. For the price of \$10 people ate their fill of a ham and French toast breakfast.

Far more important than the food you eat and the people you greet is seeing our local Boy Scouts in action. They look good, clean and smart. They set places, guide guests to seats, serve breakfasts, clean up spills, and work efficiently together. They are smiling and polite to everyone. In this world where we are bombarded with so many bad things, and we hear of issues of disrespect and dispute from young people, what a delight it is to watch the youth of our community, hard working and pleasant, working for a common goal.



Rotarian Treasurer Leah Rudolph is presented with the Boy Scout Troop 160 Charter. Behind Leah from left is: Steven Lenczeski, Senior District Executive; Scoutmaster John D'Elia and Bruce Valentine, President of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons.

[The Rotary Club of Hazleton](#)

Hazleton Rotarians Induct Two New Members

President Patrick Ward inducted two new members into the Hazleton Rotary Club at the weekly meeting held on Wednesday, November 2nd at Genetti's Catering. He encouraged new members to take advantage of their club membership and become active members taking part in fundraisers and special events, as well as enjoying club social activities.

New Rotary Club Members are Kim McNulty originally sponsored by former member Tom Hood who has moved from the area and Martin Gallagher, sponsored by President Ward.

For more information on the Hazleton Rotary Club visit www.hazletonrotary.org and/or the Hazleton Rotary Club Facebook page.



Shown from left are new club members Martin Gallagher and Kim McNulty; Pat Ward, President; Lani Drobnoc, Secretary; Antonia Kelpsh, President-Elect and Patrick Owens, Jr., Treasurer

[The Rotary Club of Dallas](#)



Dallas High Gridders Take Home "Old Shoe"

Dallas Rotarian and State Representative Karen Boback awarded the "Old Shoe" trophy to the winner of the long standing football rivalry between the two local high schools, Dallas and Lake-Lehman. The Dallas team and their coach were pleased to accept this historic honor.

Wyalusing Rotary Club Moves Meeting Days and Times...

Wyalusing Rotarians started holding breakfast meetings in November with a luncheon meeting on the third Thursday. The breakfast meetings are being held Thursdays at 7 a.m. at Mark's Valley View along Route 6 east of Wyalusing. The luncheon meeting is on the third Thursday of each month at 12:15 p.m. at the Wyalusing Hotel.



The Rotary Club of Hazleton



Club Members Paul Malone, Jason Brenner and Project Co-Chairs Mark Imbriaco and Paul-Brenner prepared flower orders for distribution by Rotary Club members at the recent weekly club meeting.

Delivering Colorful Christmases to Hazleton Area

For the 14th consecutive year, the Rotary Club of Hazleton is here to help brighten holidays with poinsettias, amaryllis and Christmas cactus. Orders were taken by Rotary Club members earlier in November.

Proceeds from the sale are used to fund a number of the club's community service projects.

"We want to thank everyone who purchased Christmas plants from the Rotary Club and the club members who took orders." comments Mark Imbriaco. "Your support is sincerely appreciated. By helping our club you are also helping those in the community who benefit from our various service projects" adds Paul Brenner.

For more updated information on Rotary Club

of Hazleton activities, visit the website www.hazletonrotary.org or the Rotary Club of Hazleton Facebook page.



New Rotarians

Hawley	Michelle Biscardi
Honesdale	Diane Kean
	Robert Kazinski
Milford-Matamoras	Derek Bellinger
Mountaintop	Joseph Gorham
	John Kayuck
	Claudia Vitiello
Mt. Pocono	Darlene Plank
Pittston	Pat Dutton
Wyalusing Area	Jason Bottiglieri

District 7410 — 2016 Club Data

Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	Attend. %
Abingtons	57		
Athens	16		
Blakeslee	12		52.08%
Dallas	43		51.00%
Dunmore	14		
Forest City Area	12		75.00%
Freeland	10		
Hamlin	36		38.89%
Hawley	20	1	
Hazleton	83		
Honesdale	38	2	44.00%
Jim Thorpe	25		41.00%
Kingston	21		77.00%
Lehighton	9		
Mid-Valley	3		55.00%
Milford-Matamoras	24	1	50.00%
Montrose	20		
Mountaintop	24	3	
Mt. Pocono	21	1	
New Milford	16		
Newfoundland	39		56.57%
North Pocono	19		
North Scranton	23		85.00%
Pittston	16	1	45.00%
Plains	19		60.00%
Plymouth	22		
Pocono Mountains, The (Buck Hill Falls)	22		70.00%
Sayre	20		57.00%
Scranton	38		0.00%
Slate Belt Rotary	25		40.00%
Smithfields	21		38.10%
Stroudsburgs, The	100		69.17%
Towanda	14		
Trail	17		44.00%
Troy	25		
Tunkhannock	66		
Weatherly	10		
Wellsboro	44		0.00%
West End	17		67.65%
Wilkes-Barre	30		
Winola	15		
Wyalusing Area	27	1	43.00%
Wyoming Rotary	19		61.00%

From the Desk of the Administrative Assistant

Please make sure all information regarding your officers, member information and attendance is up to date on the website. If you need assistance please do not hesitate to contact me via email: rotarydistrict7410@gmail.com or phone: C – 570.767.1187 daytime or evenings at home: 570.934.2450.

Hope you all have a great Holiday Season!

Brenda



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